

SENATE BUDGET AND APPROPRIATIONS COMMITTEE

STATEMENT TO

SENATE, No. 2277

with committee amendments

STATE OF NEW JERSEY

DATED: JUNE 23, 2016

The Senate Budget and Appropriations Committee reports favorably Senate Bill No. 2277, with committee amendments.

As amended, this bill makes a Fiscal Year 2017 supplemental appropriation of \$7,453,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Health for Family Planning Services grants.

Appropriations for these grants were eliminated in Fiscal Year 2011, and have not been reinstated. The elimination of this funding resulted in both the closing of centers that provide family planning services and a reduction in the availability of such services, as the remaining sources of federal and private funding for the family planning centers were insufficient to maintain existing services.

This bill restores State funding for family planning centers to previous levels, thereby increasing the availability of family planning services. The bill also improves family planning centers' abilities to compete for additional federal Title X family planning grants, which fund no less than 90% of grant recipients' approved project costs and require a non-federal match of no more than 10%.

The bill specifies that the funding may not be used for abortion procedures.

COMMITTEE AMENDMENTS:

The amendments change, from Fiscal Year 2016 to Fiscal Year 2017, the State fiscal year in which the supplemental appropriation provided by the bill will be made.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The bill appropriates \$7,453,000 from the General Fund to the Department of Health for Family Planning Services grants in Fiscal Year 2017.